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***Argentina:** The latest crisis in the power struggle between Argentine military factions apparently finally ended on 23 September with a victory for the Campo de Mayo faction. The basic problems--restoration of stability and democracy--remain unresolved, however. Furthermore, this victory is no more decisive than those ending the other crises which have occurred in Argentina since the overthrow of Frondizi last March. Thus, there is a strong possibility that the power struggle will again erupt.

In a short radio and television speech last night, President Guido stated that elections will be held "in the shortest time possible" and that all sectors of the population will be allowed to participate "providing they adhere to democratic principles." The President promised that his government would take "an understanding attitude toward those responsible for the different episodes which disturbed the country." Referring to his resignation, the President said that he had presented it to the armed forces "in an attempt to avert tragedy for the republic" but that he had later changed his mind. It is open to question whether Guido will be able to carry out any of these promises because he has been a pawn of the warring factions in the crises.

Earlier yesterday, Guido reshuffled his cabinet, accepting the resignations of Interior Minister Adrogue, a protégé of the navy, and Minister of National Defense Lanus. Minister of Economy Alsogaray was appointed Acting Interior Minister and Minister of Education and

Justice Sussini was named Acting Minister of Defense. According to press reports, Minister of Foreign Affairs del Carril was ousted Sunday after he had been reappointed late Saturday. Generals Lorio, Labayru, and Cornejo Saravia, who composed the high command of the army at the outbreak of hostilities, have reportedly been placed under arrest.

The promise of early elections enhances retired General Aramburu's chances for the presidency. He is generally conceded to be the candidate who has sufficient popular support and at the same time is acceptable to a majority of the military. Aside from a plea to the armed forces on 20 September to respect the laws and avoid bloodshed, General Aramburu was not involved in the crisis. [redacted] 25X1

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Ecuador: [President Arosemena's fiery speech in Guayaquil on 21 September was his first public challenge to Congress.]

[His exhortations to political supporters to "set the country aflame" if the rightists in Congress succeed in impeaching him may trigger a new political crisis.]

[The speech was an attempt by Arosemena to reunite his Arosemenista Party, which had become more than usually disorganized by the four-day strike of bus, taxi, and truck drivers last week.]

[Arosemena, who currently has the support of the armed forces in his dispute with the rightist majority in Congress, privately threatened in mid-September to "lead the army into the halls of Congress" if the rightists persisted in their efforts to oust him.]

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COMMUNIST CHINA-INDIA BORDER AREA



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Sino-Indian Border: Intermittent skirmishing continues following the Indian and Chinese border clashes along India's northeastern frontier on 20-21 September. Both sides are warning of the danger of war, but at the moment neither seems intent on forcing a decision. [redacted] (Map)

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Nepal: King Mahendra has abruptly dismissed his moderate foreign minister, Rishikesh Shaha.

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Shaha will be replaced by his bitter rival and predecessor in the Foreign Ministry, Tulsi Giri, whose India-baiting and advocacy of closer Nepali relations with Communist China have in the past poisoned relations between Katmandu and New Delhi.

During his three months in office, Shaha had sought to improve relations with India by persuading New Delhi to restrain Nepali exiles in India from launching attacks into Nepal.

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